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Downtown Redevelopment Plan Community Meetings

In an effort to allow for more extensive community participation, the workshops scheduled for June 7 and 8, 2006 have been modified to achieve the following objectives:

- Engage the community and share details of the plan
- Create a record of the community recommendations and expectations
- Report back to the community on what was heard
- Incorporate suggestions into plan modifications where possible and advise community of proposed changes/modifications at future meetings
- Ensure representatives from City and PDN are available at all meetings to answer questions

June 7 – General Presentation

These meetings will provide details of the plan including the basis for the planning decisions made to-date. A question and answer session will take place at the end of the session. Comments made at the meeting will be recorded and evaluated for inclusion in the plan development.

June 7 10:00 am – 12:30 pm
 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

June 8 – Planning Workshops

The meetings on this day are geared for active public participation as part of a design exercise. They will allow the participants to have a hands-on opportunity to influence the proposed land use changes. Individuals that attend these meetings would work on either a residential mixed-use model or a retail mixed-use model.

June 8

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

June 28 & 29- Additional Outreach as Needed and Report Back to the Community

These follow up meetings will be scheduled to allow the SMWM Planners, PDN and the City to report back to the community on comments and recommendations made at previous meetings, and share adjustments proposed to preliminary plan framework.

(Details of times and locations to follow)

Additional Information

- Community meetings are open to the public (Persons not familiar with the downtown plan recommendations or not yet in attendance at other community sessions are encouraged to participate.)
- All meetings will be located at the Judson F. Williams Convention Center
- There will be free parking for all attendees at the Convention Center
- Translation services will also be provided

Pre – registration is required

- Space is limited to 180 participants at each session. We are asking for individuals that are interested in attending the community input sessions to pre-register. (Based on this new format for the meetings, participants may call to change their prior reservations for these meetings.)
- First come- first serve basis
- Call 541-4206 or 541-4853
- Arrive an hour early to the session that you will be attending